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## **Blackfeet housing authority seeks rehearing of case**

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The Blackfeet Nation's housing authority is seeking a rehearing of a case that could open up tribes nationwide to lawsuits. About 150 houses on the reservation were built in the 1970s with wooden foundations that were treated with arsenic and other toxic chemicals as preservatives. The plaintiffs allege that the use of the wood foundations caused their homes to deteriorate, and that the conditions of the homes have caused severe health problems, including asthma, kidney failure and respiratory problems.

<http://www.jacksonholestartrib.com/articles/2006/08/29/news/regional/bf77056f86a1198c872571d6002377e1.txt>

## **NIGC to make changes to web site after hacks**

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The National Indian Gaming Commission will be making improvements to its web site after it was hacked twice in the last month.

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## **GAO finds lengthy delays on land-into-trust**

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A new report from the General Accountability Office confirms that some tribes are being treated differently when it comes to the land-into-trust process. By and large, most tribes and individual Indians are subject to delays. According to the report, the median processing time was 1.2 years for non-gaming applications that were approved in 2005.

<http://www.indianz.com/News/2006/015644.asp>

## **One final salute**

By VINCE DEVLIN of the Missoulian

Family, friends and fellow veterans pay their last respects to Raymond Harris Jr. under a blazing sun in Lame Deer.

<http://missoulian.com/articles/2006/08/26/news/mtregional/news06.txt>

## **Highway 212 travelogue: Northern Cheyenne Reservation, already one of the poorest in the country, has been tried by fire**

By VINCE DEVLIN of the Missoulian

From its humble beginnings, when a three-room log cabin served as residence, school, dormitory and even as a church, St. Labre has become a modern K-12 campus with satellite schools in St. Xavier and Pryor, a beautiful Catholic church, cemetery and a museum. More than 800 kids are enrolled in the schools, and those whose homes are more than 40 miles away live in dormitories during the week.

But it's been a tough summer on St. Labre, and its green lawns stand in stark contrast to the charred landscape around it.

<http://missoulian.com/articles/2006/08/26/news/mtregional/news07.txt>

## **Senate revives talk of fixing canal**

By KIM SKORNOGOSKI, Tribune Staff Writer – August 20, 2006

A bill to repair an antiquated drinking and irrigation system that provides water to Montana's Hi-Line is moving out of legislative limbo this week. Havre is hosting a senate field hearing Friday, a critical step in getting the \$184 million needed to fix the St. Mary Canal

system and to pay for water studies and improvements on the Blackfeet and Fort Belknap Indian reservations.  
<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060827/NEWS01/608270313&SearchID=73255230425310>



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